

he returned home, he began helping at his mother's quiet neighborhood bar, playing music with friends. That was the beginning of a show business career spanning more than four decades including hit records, motion pictures, television, and sold out performances world-wide.

Hawaii was still a young State when Don Ho became an international star, and in many ways he helped put Hawaii on the map. In my travels around the world, people always ask me about Don Ho. Don was a big star wherever he went. He even played in Washington, DC, when I was in the House. And I can tell you, it was a big show.

Despite his stature as an entertainment icon, Don was never too busy to spend a few minutes with his fans; young honeymooners, servicemen and women stationed in the islands, or senior citizens on a dream vacation. He had tremendous charisma and talent and because of that he touched many people. Hawaii has lost a beloved son and he will be sorely missed.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1592. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1592. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1868. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1742. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (RIN0583-AD05) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1743. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 04-12; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1744. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1745. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a review of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1746. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Department's Chemical and Biological Defense Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1747. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary's plan for improving recruitment, placement, and retention within the Department of individuals who receive scholarships and fellowships; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1748. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, transmitting, a report relative to the management and adequacy of biometrics programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1749. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funds expended during fiscal year 2006 and the funds that are expected to be expended during fiscal years 2007 and 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1750. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effects of Aviation Continuation Pay on retention of qualified aviators during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1751. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a critical breach in Average Procurement Unit Cost for the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1752. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency relative to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1753. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "revise and extend the Export Administration Act of 1979, amended"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1754. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Management Measures for the 2007 Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A" (RIN0648-AV03) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1755. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2007-2009 Specifications" (RIN0648-AT66) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1756. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Hook-and-Line Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" (Docket No. 001005281-0369-02) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1757. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607A) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1758. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607B) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1759. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off

Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and 'Other Flatfish' by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 040607E) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1760. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase of Landing Limit for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder" (ID No. 040407D) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1761. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (ID No. 040907D) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1762. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Closure of Trimeter I Fishery for Loligo Squid)" (ID No. 112106A) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1763. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Commercial Tilefish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure" (ID No. 040607F) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1764. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Albacore Tuna Fisheries; Vessel List to Establish Eligibility to Fish for Albacore Tuna in Canadian Waters Under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty" (RIN0648-AU78) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1765. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Optional Use of Electronic Logbook Forms" (RIN0648-AS29) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1766. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Regulations to Establish and Govern Seafood Marketing Councils" (RIN0648-AS09) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1767. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for 2007 Pacific Whiting Harvest Specifications and Inseason Adjustments to Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AU57) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1768. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Human Capital Management, National Aeronautics and Space

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1769. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules to Implement and Administer a Coupon Program for Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes" (RIN0660-AA16) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1770. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to terminate the Telecommunications Development Fund for various reasons; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1771. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio Regulatory Program" (Docket No. OH-251-FOR) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1772. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1773. A communication from the Director of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf—Corrections and Amendments" (RIN1010-AD42) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1774. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal that would amend two sections of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1775. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Reclamation Water Management Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1776. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an investigation of opportunities to address near-term water resources needs for coastal Mississippi resulting from the hurricane season of 2005 that was conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1777. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Uniform Resource Locator for a document entitled "Audit Policy; Frequently Asked Questions (2007)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1778. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an evaluation by the Army Corps of Engineers of the damage reduction measures for Montauk Point, New York; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1779. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection" (FRL No. 8309-7) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1780. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ambient Air Monitoring Regulations: Correcting and Other Amendments" (FRL No. 8308-7) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1781. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California" (FRL No. 8308-4) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1782. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Missouri; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8310-6) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1783. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter Rules" (FRL No. 8308-2) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1784. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8309-3) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1785. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the Parkersburg, West Virginia Portion of the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8309-9) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1786. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; States of Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri" (FRL No. 8310-8) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1787. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department" (FRL No. 8302-9) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1788. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan, Washoe County" (FRL No. 8303-2) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1789. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source-Specific Federal Implementation Plan for Four Corners Power Plant; Navajo Nation" (RIN2009-AA01)(FRL No. 8308-6) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1790. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1035—Certain Exchanges of Insurance Policies" (Rev. Rul. 2007-24) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accrual of Interest on Nonperforming Loans" (Rev. Rul. 2007-32) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1792. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property" (Notice 2007-43) received on May 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1793. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1794. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2008: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes; and Hospital Direct and Indirect Graduate Medical Education Policy Changes" (RIN0938-AO30) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1795. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to "amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1796. A communication from the Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, transmitting, copies of letters intended to raise awareness among parliamentarians and mobilize their support for the efforts of developing countries to foster agriculture and rural development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1797. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title I—Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Individuals With Disabilities Education Act—Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities" (RIN1810-AA98) received on May 1, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1798. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Laxative Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Psyllium Ingredients in Granular Dosage Forms" (RIN0910-AF36)(Docket No. 1978N-0036L) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1799. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year" (RIN0938-AO40) received on May 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1800. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1801. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report relative to the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1802. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report relative to the No Fear Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1803. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Idaho and Montana" (CBP Dec. 07-25) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1804. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Capital Investment Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1805. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, additional prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1806. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1807. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1808. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the U.S. in that fiscal year; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1809. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a request for reimbursement under the Meritorious Claims Act for Patrick J. Truver; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1810. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of court-authorized Title III interceptions conducted during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1811. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, an annual report relative to crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1812. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2006 for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical search for foreign purposes under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1813. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements made during the 2006-2007 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1814. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 Notice of Transfers Following Importation or Exportation" (RIN1117-AB06) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1815. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Chemical Mixtures" (RIN1117-AA31) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1816. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2007 update to the "Long Range Plan for Information Technology in the Federal Judiciary" and the "Judiciary Information Technology Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1817. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "establish a fee for processing applications for permanent employment certification for immigrant aliens in the United States, to enhance program integrity, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1818. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans

Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration of VA Educational Benefits—Centralized Certification" (RIN2900-AL43) received on May 2, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 496. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 110-63).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 163. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-64).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-65).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board; read the first time.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1313. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1314. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1315. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1316. A bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr.

BAYH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REED):

S. 1317. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1319. A bill to provide for the conversion of a temporary judgeship for the district of Hawaii to a permanent judgeship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1320. A bill to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings, to prohibit terrorist kidnappings and sexual assaults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1321. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, energy efficiency, and carbon capture and storage, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1323. A bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)):

S. 1324. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuel sold in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 189. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in District of Columbia v. Ellen E. Barfield, Eve-Leona Tetaz, Jeffrey A. Leys, and Jerome A. Zawada; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 190. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Nation to the community of Greensburg, Kansas; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 276

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 276, a bill to strengthen the consequences of the fraudulent use of United States or foreign passports and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.